

Joint Meeting of School Funding Working Group and SEN Working Group

22nd November 2016, 8:30am

Bradford on Avon Fire Station

MINUTES

Present: Liz Williams, Grant Davis, Susan Tanner, Martin Watson, Catriona Williamson, Neil Baker, John Hawkins, Phil Cook

Apologies: Tracey Cornelius, Simon White, Carol Grant, Debbie Bennett

1	<p><i>Minutes from Previous Meeting</i></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 20th September 2016 were reviewed, there were no outstanding actions not covered on the agenda</p>	
2	<p><i>High Needs Places Review 2017-18</i></p> <p>GD outlined the process for reviewing and submitting requests for changes to high needs places for 2017-18. GD had carried out a review with Judith Westcott of high needs places in schools.</p> <p>Pre-16 – some reductions in place numbers for Enhanced Learning Provision (ELP) in secondary schools. These have been discussed and agreed with each school. There are some increases to be requested in primary schools to reflect growth in resource base places for Greentrees and Castlemead Primary Schools. Overall pre-16 place numbers to remain broadly the same as 2016-17</p> <p>Post-16 – it was agreed that post-16 places should be removed from schools as they do not reflect where pupils are actually in attendance. The places should be added to the numbers for Wiltshire College. It was confirmed that if a school did have a high needs student in post-16 provision they would be funded appropriately.</p> <p>It was also proposed to apply for the number of places at Wiltshire College to be increased to 304 to reflect demand from Wiltshire and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>The submission was to be made by 25th November 2016.</p>	GD
3	<p><i>Formula for Exceptional Numbers of Statements</i></p> <p>This issue had been referred back to this meeting following discussion at the October meeting of Schools Forum.</p> <p>GD presented a paper outlining the EFA guidance for targeting funding to schools with exceptional numbers of high needs pupils, including the criteria that should be met through any agreed formula. The paper also included examples of formulae from other local authorities, these were taken from the EFA guidance document and therefore were known to be compliant with the funding rules.</p>	

	Joint Meeting of the SEN Working Group and School Funding Working Group to be held on 4th January 2017, 8:00am, County Hall, (North Wilts room booked from 08:00 – 13:30)	
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